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Pearl Harbor Shipyard to Sponsor University of Hawaii Engineering Scholarship

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii – Taking part in robotic competitions can inspire a student to seek a dream career in science, technology, engineering, or math — and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is providing the means to make that dream come true. The Shipyard will fund up to four years' tuition, fees, and books at the University of Hawaii's College of Engineering for a highly qualified high school senior involved in robotics.

The purpose of this novel and innovative program is to offer high school graduating seniors who have participated in FIRST robotic competitions the opportunity to complete a degree in engineering. (FIRST, an acronym for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is a nonprofit organization that designs robotic competitions for young people as a challenging and fun way to motivate them to pursue careers in science and technology.)

In addition to funding an engineering education, the Navy will provide the recipient student a summer employment opportunity in the Shipyard's engineering department.

"Our commitment is to the development of interest and competence in engineering, math, and science," said Capt. Greg R. Thomas, commander of the Shipyard. Robotics, with its

emphasis on engineering, teamwork, and a vision of "gracious professionalism," aligns perfectly with the Navy's and the Shipyard's mission, vision, core values, and guiding principles.

Thomas noted that the Shipyard, with its more than 580 engineers, is the largest employer of engineers in the state of Hawaii. Shipyard engineering talent includes mechanical, structural, welding, electrical and nuclear engineers, and naval architects,

This unique opportunity includes a commitment of continued professional employment in an engineering discipline. Upon completion of the program, the graduate, in addition to being offered a full-time position at the Shipyard, will also have the flexibility to work in another organization vital to national defense.

Thomas said the Shipyard will work with state government officials and Department of Education representatives to select the best qualified FIRST robotics student each year.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawaii with a combined civilian and military workforce of about 4,700. It has an operating budget of \$620 million, of which more than \$390 million is payroll for civilian employees. The Shipyard, strategically located in the Pacific Ocean, is a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines.

For more information on Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, visit <http://www.phnsy.navy.mil>.